

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER

TOURNAMENTS

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A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

One of our valued members MARJORIE FREEMAN turned 98 years old on 18 September. The Dunedin Bridge Club celebrated her big day by putting on a surprise lunch. The Club presented her with a colourful bunch of flowers and a birthday cake with candles – not 98.

Marjorie lives in her own home, cooks her own meals and drives her car to Bridge at least twice a week – to the Dunedin Club on Mondays, to Women's Pairs and Friday bridge – much to the admiration of all. We wish Marjorie many more happy birthdays.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE IS THIS SATURDAY : Sign up for the dinner on one of the Notices. Dinner 6.00 pm. Bridge at 7.00 pm. Phone Margaret Tagg if you forget to sign up, need to cancel or are looking for a partner.

BRIDGE ZONE:

- Super Social Sundays in the Wellington Region
- An interview with bridge author Paul Marston at his own club in Sydney.

<http://www.accessradio.org/Player.aspx?eid=55aa1045-35ab-42c7-91b8-24306c203450>

ALLCOMERS WEDNESDAY BRIDGE continues this week.

NO TEAMS THIS WEEK. The next night will be 15 October.

YOUR 2018-19 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Alan Geare – President

Marion Dent – Secretary

Rob Lawson – Vice-President and Chairman of the Development Committee

Diane Daly – Member of Development and Playing Committees

Paul Freeland - Club Captain and Chairman of Playing Committee

John Henderson – Treasurer

Neil Johnstone – Property Manager

Judy Russell – Club Room Bookings

Paul Spain – Chairman of Finance Committee

CONGRATULATIONS to John Yates

The Committee of Management proposed that John be made an Honorary Member of the Club. This was unanimously agreed at the AGM.

John has been a member for 12 years and for the past four years has been Chair of the Finance Committee. During the time that he has led that Committee, John also took a very active interest in the Club's maintenance and property development programme. In 2016 the Finance Committee considered once again the possibility and viability of purchasing the land on which the clubrooms sit. This was a demanding task and John was instrumental in securing the agreement for the purchase of the land. This greatly improves the Club's asset value and will save the Club substantial rental costs in years to come.

PROMOTIONS for 2019: The Playing Committee has approved the following promotions:

Senior to Open

Denise Carter, Mike Rendall, Graeme Warburton

Intermediate to Senior

Kate Aisi, Terry Ebeling, Phyll Esplin, Jenny Fieldwick, Allan Lockhart, Kate Vercoe, Yvonne Walsh (now Fell).

Junior to Intermediate

Sue Adam, Peter Ashcroft, Terry Evans, Sue Leckie, Gaye Lester, Rochelle Palmay, Kathy Peace, Fraser Reynolds, Donna Wakefield

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY have been awarded to:

Sharleen Beaufort, Sue Leckie, Jenny Turnbull, Marge Schaddelee, Karen Hogg
Well done all.

HOW ARE OTAGO-ITES GETTING ON AT CONGRESS?

YOUTH TEAMS: Brad Johnston was a member of the winning team.
Sam, Glenn, Vicki and Bronwyn were third.

NZ PAIRS SEMI-FINAL: James Coutts and partner were first, Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller 6th, Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland 18th. Final is Monday.

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8 OCTOBER

NZ CONGRESS

Some great achievements by our Players at Congress this past week. Many of our members have been sitting on the edges of their chairs viewing the play, especially in the NZ Pairs Final where Graeme Stout and Jeff Miller came out on top!! OTAGO PUNCHING ABOVE ITS WEIGHT AGAIN.

NZ PAIRS FINAL (from 144 Pairs)

1st James Coutts (ex Otago) and Partner
3rd Jo and Sam Simpson (ex-Otago)
17th Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland
21st Jeff Miller and Graeme Stout

NZ BACK TO THE FUTURE TEAMS

2nd Peter McCaskill, Jeff Thompson and others

SWISS PAIRS Here the ladder was divided into NS and EW winners –

Margaret and Paul were first EW.

NZ POINT-A-BOARD 6th Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland with others.

NZ TEAMS FINAL

In the words of David Green ..Yes, well done chaps. It was down to the last board They needed to bid a slam to keep their lead. What excitement! They had been leading almost the whole match apart from a 2 imp deficit at one point and had nicely pulled away with an 18 imp lead in the last session with two boards to go. On Board 24 which they played before Board 23 they had lost 10 imps when their teammates went off in 3NT on what turned out to be a losing line of play. So their lead was down to a slender 8 imps and the news came up that the Reid team had bid and made 6C in the other room.” *This was the hand:*

<i>Graeme</i>	<i>Jeff</i>	Bidding Sequence		
KJT74	Q8	1S	2C	
3	AQJ	3C	3D	X
A5	KT85	3H	3S	
KQ854	AJT2	4C (ask)	4S 2 Aces -QC	
		6C		

“I knew from playing with Graeme & Jeff in numerous teams events they were sometimes a bit shy on bidding suit slams. It looked like déjà vu when Jeff may have pulled out of the cue-bidding sequence to bid 3NT (rather than a more encouraging 3S after his partner had shown what was probably a singleton heart) to show his stuffing in the red suits and there was a long pause from Graeme who must have been a little worried about his spade holding when looking for slam. However, to my great relief, an angel came down from heaven and landed on his cards and he bid 4C (Minorwood) found partner with 2 key cards and bid the slam and was no doubt relieved to find the SQ in the dummy avoiding a spade guess for the contract. Bridge is such a simple game.”

The Reid Team – other team in the final – was an Australian team in which our own (until a few months ago) James Coutts was a part of.

We would also note past Otago-ites featuring well in the Congress – Ken and Kathy Yule, Pam Nesbit as well as Jo and Sam Simpson mentioned above.

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TEAMS NEXT WEEK - 15 October. 2019

PROGRAMME BOOK

The first draft is back and is being checked by proofreaders. If you want your number changed, if you have decided not to come back next year, or if you know of anyone wishing to play in 2019 NOW is the time to get in touch with Dennis McCaughan so that details will be correct for next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER HANDICAP

- 1st Barbara Clare
- 2nd Rosalie Douglas
- 3rd Julie Leyden

CONGRESS PAIRS

JUNIOR

- 1st Stew Whyte and Lee Whyte
- 2nd David Kiddey and Kathy Peace
- 3rd Hilary Bisset and AnneMarie Tangney

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st James Blok and Matheus Smits
- 2nd Patsy Taylor and Ron McMurrin
- 3rd Terry Ebeling and Kate Aisi

SENIOR

- 1st Erin Flannery and Heather Beckett
- 2nd Vi Wilkinson and Susan Halls
- 3rd Ann Hamilton and Jan Flood

OPEN

- 1st Donna Ruwhiu and Tim Webb
- 2nd Matt Blakeley and Adrien Dever
- 3rd Kevin Farnden and Wyn Jones

A popular member of our Club celebrated her 90th birthday today. Betty Laing has been with our Club for many years and some memories of Betty's past escapades on the Bridge scene have been related over the past few days. Here she is at Saturday night Bridge, which she has attended without fail since this dinner/bridge event was started. We thought she would be busy with family down from the NI for her celebration, so had to scuffle around for the cake and candle, but all were enthusiastic in the singing of *Happy Birthday*.

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9 Nina Hewitt Christmas 3A Pairs – Otago

LIBRARY NEWS

Our excellent library continues to be well used, with lots of issues and lots of returns. We have recently processed a number of books donated to the club by club members. Thanks go to Cliff Rickard and Anne Simpson, Margaret Harraway and Phillip Gillen for their generous donations.

RECOMMENDED READS

Lindsay Gunn has recently put together a list of her top picks and favourite authors. You can find this on display in the library. Tim Webb has also shared what he is currently reading.

I love the game of bridge. One area where anyone can improve with some work is card play. The library has some great books on card play. At the moment I'm reading books from the Master Bridge Series by Terence Reese and Roger Trezel; Elimination Play in Bridge, Blocking and Unblocking Plays in Bridge, Safety Plays in Bridge and When to Duck and When to Win in Bridge. These books are concise and well written with very clear examples of the subject they describe so get to the library and take some books out!

Tim Webb

If you are a frequent user of the Library we would love to hear from you! Make a list and help other club members enjoy our comprehensive collection of bridge books.

2019 PROGRAMME BOOK

This will probably be out for collection this week. We need to extend a big thank you to a number of people who have worked on this publication over the past few weeks - **Paul Freeland, Maria Godfrey, Allan Lockhart, Elaine McDonald, Arthur Patton, Paul Spain, Ann Wood**, with extra special thanks to **Dennis McCaughan** who works with our Printer, *SpeedPrint* to bring it all together.

WELCOME

Greg Sligo, took lessons at Otago some 30 or more years ago and recently played two sessions of Friday Bridge. You were all friendly and welcoming, so he has now decided to join the Club. You will find his contact number in the Intermediate list of the new Programme Book. Welcome back, Greg.

MESSAGES RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE:

Yes, well done to your Rugby team on winning the Ranfurly Shield.

However, before that event a number of your members experienced great success at Congress and the Invercargill Club would like you to pass on our heartiest congratulations:

- to Brad, for being a member of the team that won the NZ Youth Teams final
- to James for winning the NZ Pairs final with his partner
- to Margaret and Paul for winning the Open Swiss pairs and lastly, but by no means least
- to Jeff and Graeme for being members of the team that won the NZ Teams final.

Impressive. *Yvonne Hughes*, Club Administrator.

Hello Otago Bridge. Expressing a huge congratulations to Graeme and Jeff for winning the NZ Teams. Given they were only a 4 person team, their victory was truly remarkable. A result that was richly deserved. You must all be very proud of them just as I am.

Max Morrison (Christchurch)

Yes, indeed, we are proud of them all. *Did you listen to their interview on Bridge Zone? We can still claim James as one of ours even though he has moved across the Tasman.*

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22 OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

- 2 **NZ WIDE PAIRS** – Friday night at the Otago club. 7.10 pm. Please enter on-line. Keep the entries rolling in – fun for everyone.
- 3 Maniototo Intermediate 5B Pairs – Ranfurly
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SWISS PAIRS – Monday nights - 5th and 19th November, 3 December.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE in November will be on the 10th. Last one of the year.

BRIDGE ZONE

<http://accessradio.org/ProgrammePage.aspx?PID=6379a3ce-8450-482c-bad1-6b4cc2574313>

This week Barry and Mereana discuss No Trumps with a 5 Card Major, Congress, Aces, Postcard from Scotland, Zia Again, Bridge Report, Herman Yuan, NZ Youngest Directors Waikato Bridge Club, NZ Team Trials For China.

2019 PROGRAMME BOOK

These were out last week, so do remember to pick one up. If you are unable to get into Bridge, ask someone to retrieve one for you.

MEMBERSHIP – Please add the following to your new Programme Book ...

WELCOME back to Alistair Mackay who last played at the Otago Club in 1999. He will join the Senior Division and is keen to pair up with players for the various matches as well as Championship Pairs in 2019. His contact phone number is 021 2258 105. p

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER: Matt Blakeley, Open, now 022 497 5664.

TROPHIES

Please return all trophies from 2017, so that they can be engraved and cleaned before the end-of-year prizegivings in December.

CONGRATULATIONS

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND CONGRESS PAIRS

2nd Sam Coutts and Brad Johnston

O/S INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

3rd Dorothy Butterfield and Barbara Hutton

O/S TEAMS

With the final still to be held it is great to see two Otago teams lying in first and third place.

1st *The Ackerley team* – Chris Ackerley, Arleen Schwartz, Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley

3rd *The McCaughan team* – *Dennis McCaughan, Michael Atkinson, Marilyn Noye and Lorraine Peacock*

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29 OCTOBER

TOURNAMENTS

NOVEMBER

2 **NZ WIDE PAIRS** – Friday night at the Otago club. 7.10 pm. Please enter on-line – from the Home Page on our website. \$10. Entries close 2 November at 6.00 pm.

3 Maniototo Intermediate 5B Pairs – Ranfurly Bowling Club, John Street. 9.30 am Morning Tea, 10.00 am play starts. \$35. 2-course meal, afternoon tea. Please inform them of any special food requirements. Phone 03 444 9231, molyneuxstud@gmail.com. Entries close Monday.

3 Timaru Anniversary Pairs – Start time 9.30. \$25. Morning and afternoon tea. After play food.

10 Invercargill Open 5A Swiss Pairs

DECEMBER

9 **Nina Hewitt Christmas 3A Pairs – Otago**

SWISS PAIRS – Monday nights - 5th and 19th November, 3 December. Entries close at 7.00 pm on 5 November. Lots more entries required – give it a go if you are in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Division. It will be a fun 3 nights. If you haven't played Swiss Pairs before try it at this event. Normal Table Money. Enter on-line from our site's Home Page.

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE in November will be on the 10th. Christmas dinner. Lists will go up this week for you to register.

BRIDGE ZONE

<http://www.accessradio.org/player.aspx?pid=6379a3ce-8450-482c-bad1-6b4cc2574313&Last=1>

This week Barry and Mereana discuss the tactics of sacrificing, the Smolen convention and have a round-up from the two Labour Day congresses in Hamilton and Otago. If you are interested in the Smolen convention discussed can view more information here:

<http://www.bridgebum.com/smolen.php?fbclid=IwAR1-K4PV0vezEJruYobikPoPslWfpqHCUBPx-PuNkEG0TesZvucaOiBFvU4>

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please reply to this email and ask to have one delivered to you.

kjj

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CONGRATULATIONS

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND CONGRESS TEAMS

Championship

2nd Chris Ackerley, Arleen Schwartz, Margaret Perley and Paul Freeland

Plate

1st Maria Godfrey, John Sheehy with Frances Sheehy and Peter Mountain from Oamaru

2nd Adrien Dever. Judy Robertson with Lesley Andrew and Kay Nicholas from Timaru

SPRING PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st Gaye Lester and David Kiddey

2nd Sue Leckie and Val Rowe

3rd Jan Highton and Marje Schaddelee

INTERMEDIATE

1st Rod Waugh and Margaret Middlemiss

2nd Pam Bardsley and Judith Stanbridge

3rd Julie Leyden and Ron McMurrans

SENIOR

1st Raylene Ryan and John Curran

2nd Paul Spain and Ann E Taylor

3rd Peter Pfeifer and Lydia Turley

OPEN

1st Arleen Schwartz and Paul Freeland

2nd Dai Redshaw and Michael Atkinson

3rd Christiaan Prent and Matt Blakeley

FRIDAY HANDICAP FOR OCTOBER

1st Dale Cameron

2nd Marjorie Freeman

3rd Betty Larkins

SYMPATHY

Our condolences have been conveyed to the family of Pam Jordan, who died last week. Pam was a member of the Open Division, and her welcoming characteristic smile and gentle humour will be sadly missed. Some years ago, Pam took on the photocopying for our Club, which was probably not known to many of our members as she accomplished everything in her own quiet, unobtrusive way, keeping up to date supplies of our Personal Score Sheets, our Systems Cards as well as other miscellaneous photocopying required by the club. The Club appreciated her generous support.

The death of Niall Grant was also noted. Niall was a member of the Junior Division and resigned from the Club in April of this year.